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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BERLIN-ZURICH SERVICE

REF: BERN 2496

1. CHIEF, TRANSPORTATION SECTION, SWISS FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (BOHNERT) ASKED EMBOFF VISIT POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (FOREIGN MINISTRY) SEPTEMBER 10 FOR DISCUSSION CURRENT STATUS PROPOSED PAN AMERICAN BERLIN-ZURICH SERVICE. BOHNERT NOTED THAT SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MENDELEVICH WOULD BE VISITING BERN SEPTEMBER 11 FOR DISCUSSION CSCE BUT SWISS ANTICIPATED HE MIGHT ALSO REPEAT SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO SWISS APPROVAL PA AND BA SERVICE TO ZURICH FROM WEST BERLIN. BOHNERT SAID THAT ON AT LEAST THREE OCCASIONS SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS RECENTLY MADE DEMARCHES OPPOSING SUCH APPROVAL TO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AND FEDERAL AIR OFFICE. BOHNERT WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING EXTENT TO WHICH USSR HAD MADE KNOWN ITS POSITION TO US AND OTHER ALLIED
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POWERS AND NATURE OF OUR RESPONSE.

2. EMBOFF ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOVIETS HAD PROTESTED ON AT LEAST THREE OCCASIONS IN BERLIN AND WE PROVIDED BOHNERT GIST OF PROPOSED ALLIED POSITION BASED ON PARA 2 BONN 14020. EMBOFF ALSO STRESSED THAT BA, AIR FRANCE, AND PAN AM ALL ALREADY OPERATE DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND POINTS OUTSIDE FRG. (BERLIN 1235).

3. BOHNERT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION. HE SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO FEDERAL COUNCILOR (FOREIGN MINISTER) GRABER AND AMBASSADOR THALMANN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, THAT IF SUBJECT RAISED BY MENDELEVICH SWISS SHOULD STRONGLY HOLD TO POSITION USED IN RESPONDING TO PREVIOUS SOVIET EMBASSY PROTESTS, I.E., THAT SWISS DO NOT CONSIDER FOUR POWER DISCUSSION OF WEST BERLIN AIR SERVICE OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THEM AND THAT GOS WILL DECIDE ON BASIS COMMERCIAL AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS WHETHER GRANT ADDITIONAL RIGHTS WITHIN BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENTS.

4. BOHNERT, AND AIR OFFICE DIRECTOR GULDIMANN IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AT BULGARIAN EMBASSY RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 9, ALSO RECALLED THAT SWISS HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM USG RE TORONTO RIGHTS ON CHICAGO ROUTE SINCE LATE JUNE (STATE 139914).

5. BOHNERT PROMISED INFORM EMBASSY SHOULD SOVIET VISITOR RAISE SUBJECT.
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